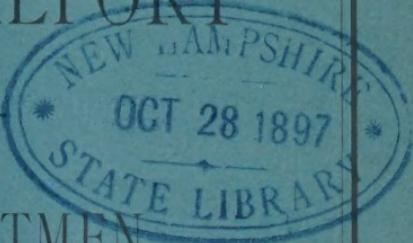


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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF-



THE SELECTMEN

—AND OTHER—

TOWN OFFICERS

— OF —

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—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, '85.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Joseph H. Goss, Treasurer, credits the town as follows:—

In my hands as Treasurer, 1883,	\$771 11
Red. of Selectmen, borrowed money,	775 00
" lease " "	31 50
State, Literary Fund, Railroad, and Sav-	
ings Bank tax,	342 07
Bounties on animals,	91 10
County, for pauper claims,	106 09
O. B. Buswell, Collector, on several books,	24 12
H. H. Currier, " " "	232 00
Chester Walker " " "	3,168 00
Claim against John Clark estate,	223 36
C. H. Bean and I. W. Peabody,	15 00
W. Washburn, by board H. Gault and family;	96 00
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	\$5,875 35

The Treasurer charges the town as follows:—

Paid by order of the Selectmen, State tax,	\$344 00
" " " County tax,	369 49
" " " School money,	455 25
" " " School-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	25 00
" " " Damage to sheep,	9 50
" " " Town officers,	143 09
" " " On highways,	155 36
" " " Breaking roads,	201 81
" " " Support of Poor,	118 09
" " " Miscellaneous bills,	590 04
" " " On notes,	3,371 04
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	\$5,782 58
Amount of money received by Treasurer,	\$5,875 35
Amount of orders paid,	5,782 58
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Leaving balance in my hands,	\$92 77

JOSEPH H. GOSS,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen account to the town as follows:—

Taxes assessed April, 1884,	\$3,636 35
Due on several tax books, March, 1884,	1,773 12
John Clark claim,	575 00
John Fisher note,	35 00
Claim against State, for bounties,	91 10
Red. from State, Literary Fund,	66 64
" " Railroad tax,	36 14
" " Savings Bank tax,	239 28
County, pauper claims,	106 09
H. J. Walker, lease,	12 50
Benj. Sargent, "	14 00
Geo. E. Hatch, "	5 00
A. W. Goss, borrowed money,	225 00
Sarah Rollins, " "	50 00
Rebecca Kendall,	500 00
William Washburn, use farm,	96 00
Two scrapers,	12 00
In hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1884,	771 11
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00
	—
	\$8,544 34

Paid to Treasurer:—

Money in hands of last year's Treasurer,	\$771 11
Money received from the State,	342 07
" " " bounties,	91 10
" " " County,	106 09
" " " leases,	31 50
" borrowed,	775 00
" received on several tax books,	3,424 12
" " from John Clark claim,	223 36
" " C. H. Bean and I. W. Peabody,	15 00
" " W. Washburn, in board H. Gault, for use of farm,	96 00
Now due on several tax books,	1,845 72
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00
Abatements on several tax books,	94 57
Non-resident tax worked,	7 00
Discount on John Clark claim,	351 64
Two scrapers,	12 00
John Fisher note, now due,	35 00
Tax book of 1875 dropped out of account,	15 00
Balance on book 1876, " "	8 06

	\$8,544 34

ORDERS ON TREASURER.

The Selectmen have paid by orders on Treasurer as follows:—

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State tax,	\$344 00
County tax,	369 49

	\$713 49

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1, C. A. Thompson,	Committee, W. H. Howard,	\$146 40
" " 1, School-house tax,		25 00
" " 2, L. E. Chase, Committee,		46 97
" " 3, A. L. Brown, "		127 88
" " 4, J. E. Corliss, "		40 00
" " 5, Horace Green, "		30 00

Union District, O. F. Eastman, Commtee,	64 00
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\$480 25

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

G. E. Hatch,	\$4 50
Green Pillsbury,	5 00
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\$9 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. C. Leavitt, Supervisor,	\$2 50
J. M. Howe, "	5 00
F. W. Leavitt, "	2 50
Rufus Hall, Town Clerk,	10 00
J. H. Goss, Treasurer,	10 00
Rev. Geo. H. Hardy, School Committee,	17 00
Chester Walker, Collector,	30 00
L. D. Dunbar, Selectman,	20 00
K. D. Smith, "	12 00
W. H. Miller, "	14 00
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\$143 00

WORK AND MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS.

Joab Walker,	\$8 00
M. V. B. Hastings and E. Austin,	24 85
L. P. Saunders,	2 25
J. N. Hastings,	2 80
Joab Walker and G. H. Thornton, bridge,	5 75
C. C. Thornton, bridge,	2 75
M. J. Hastings,	2 25
J. Y. Covey,	1 50
J. N. Hastings, stringers,	3 00
J. S. Gault, on bridge, 1882,	4 50
James Barton, mountain road,	6 50
N. J. Hastings,	2 50
H. J. Walker,	3 60
M. P. Burpee, 750 plank,	5 32
I. F. Peabody, 200 plank,	1 50
Josiah Leavitt, work and plank,	3 00
H. E. Brown, mountain road,	14 50
A. Merrill, " "	1 87

G. W. Dunbar, 2000 feet plank,	15 00
W. H. Miller, 854 feet plank, and labor,	20 38
K. D. Smith, work on highway,	23 54

	\$155 36

BREAKING ROADS.

M. P. Burpee and O. Nichols,	\$13 50
G. E. Hatch,	8 24
S. Currier and C. C. Thornton,	15 80
O. W. Corliss and others,	8 10
D. E. Ryder,	3 51
G. B. Barton,	1 75
Abijah Powers,	1 12
Justus Hayward,	1 40
Edwin Howard,	4 30
J. Y. Covey,	9 80
Abram Merrill and John Hastings,	6 07
J. H. Merrill,	1 00
H. E. Brown and others,	8 30
A. L. Brown and others,	12 82
Chas. H. Bean and J. E. Corliss	11 00
H. J. Walker,	2 30
James Barton and others,	8 90
L. P. Saunders,	2 70
Josiah Leavitt, 2 years,	16 50
Merrill J. Hastings and J. N. Hastings,	8 60
W. H. Miller,	10 90
Isaac S. Colby and Hiram Church,	23 30
Joab Walker,	10 40
A. L. Shedd,	5 00
I. W. Peabody.	6 50

	\$201 81

SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

John R. Hall and family,	\$49 57
N. C. Thornton and family,	3 52
Geo. H. Nelson	53 00
Daniel Merrill,	12 00

	\$118 09

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

L. D. Dunbar, expenses at Lebanon,	\$5 00
W. Washburn, H. Gault board,	252 03
L. D. Dunbar, goods, H. Gault,	9 50
F. W. Cheney, printing reports, 1883,	14 40
Dr. F. B. Perkins, record of births and deaths,	3 25
W. C. Kempton, " " "	75
William Barton, " " "	25
J. L. Cain, " " "	75
J. B. Sanborn, for books,	1 50
Edson C. Eastman, "	12 00
C. H. Forehand, damage to sleigh,	2 00
County, for clothing M. E. Hammon,	1 64
S. C. Sargent, care of hearse,	7 50
Check lists,	1 30
C. Walker, repairing church,	4 42
Elias Powers, perambulation of lines,	3 00
F. W. Kimton, water trough,	2 50
M. P. Burpee, " "	2 50
O. B. Buswell, " "	3 00
W. H. Miller,	2 50
L. D. Dunbar, powder, fuse and nails,	1 34
W. H. Miller, bounties on 332 woodchucks,	33 20
K. D. Smith, " 22 "	2 20
L. D. Dunbar, " 568 "	56 80
S. L. Bowers, costs in A. Quimby case,	3 80
A. S. Wait, services and cost in J. Clark case,	149 57
L. D. Dunbar, paper, postage and express,	2 00
W. H. Miller, perambulation of lines,	2 00
K. D. Smith, " "	1 50
Chester Walker, carrying A. S. Wait to Lebanon,	1 50
Cost O. H. Perkins check,	22
N. C. Thornton, damage to sleigh,	1 25
H. F. Goss, perambulation of lines,	3 00

	\$590 04

PAID ON NOTES.

John Young,	\$30 00
Aaron Quimby,	382 83
Azubah Sawyer,	6 00

Oliver Nichols,	20 26
J. H. Goss,	40 00
M. S. Barton,	45 12
L. D. Dunbar,	500 00
J. D. Hemphill, R. Kendall note,	518 33
Joshua Rollins,	348 63
F. B. Perkins, 4 notes,	742 55
B. F. Goss,	52 00
William Wallace,	144 71
O. H. Perkins, 2 notes,	288 85
A. W. Goss,	231 76
O. B. Buswell, Meth. Society note,	4 00
Justus Hayward, interest,	16 00

	\$3,371 04

Whole amount paid to Treasurer,	\$5,875 35
Whole amount of orders drawn,	5,782 58

Leaving balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$92 77

NOMINAL ASSETS.

Due from County, on acct. D. Merrill,	\$12 00
Due on tax book 1877,	88 00
" " 1878,	113 00
" " 1879,	88 00
" " 1880,	153 34
" " 1881,	191 27
" " 1882,	226 22
" " 1883, including interest collected,	175 82
" " 1884,	811 37
" leases,	96 85
" John Fisher note,	35 00
Due from State, for bounties paid,	6 90
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00
Two scrapers,	12 00
In hands of treasurer,	97 77

	\$2,407 54

LIABILITIES OF TOWN MAR. 1, 1885.

Notes with interest added,	\$10,657 26
Due School District No. 1,	10 93
" " " " 2,	10 65
" " " " 5,	18 95
" " " " 6,	38 00
" G. B. Barton, damage to sheep,	5 00
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	\$10,740 79

Liabilities of town, March 1, 1884,	\$12,953 48
Liabilities of town, March 1, 1885,	10,740 79
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Net reduction,	\$2,212 69
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ABATEMENTS.

On 1876 book—Alonzo J. Corliss,	\$2 23
Wilson R. Stone,	2 23
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On 1881 book—William Corliss,	\$4 32
John Y. Covey,	60
Fred H. Howe,	3 24
Marshall D. Jenks,	2 00
Elmer J. Leavitt,	2 00
Lyman N. Sargent,	4 00
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On 1882 book—George C. Barton,	\$2 00
James H. Currier,	2 00
William Corliss,	4 40
John E. Corliss,	1 82
Henry H. Flanders,	80
Fred H. Howe,	2 76
Lyman N. Sargent,	4 00
Julian Walker,	2 00
Willie E. Wallace,	2 00
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On 1883 book—Millin E. Austin,	\$ 66
Alonzo J. Corliss,	2 00
Benjamin Ella,	14 00
Henry H. Flanders,	2 00
Zinnie V. Hastings,	9 02
Willie E. Wallace,	2 00
Mary Buckley,	1 50

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On 1884 book—Albinus Jenks,	\$11 00
Emily Howe,	3 37
Robert McKenzie,	2 20
Charles C. Colby,	2 20
James B. Colby,	2 20

	20 99

	\$94 57
Non-resident tax worked, 1883,	\$3 00
" " " 1884,	4 00

	\$7 00

LIST OF NOTES DUE, WITH INTEREST ADDED.

J. K. Kendall,	\$207 00
John Young,	715 97
Moses Pillsbury,	76 31
B. F. Goss, 2,	1,349 34
J. Hayward, 2,	402 09
Guy H. Buswell,	42 64
A. H. Powers, 2,	485 42
J. H. Goss,	1,034 00
M. S. Barton,	1,167 48
C. Marshall,	1,163 75
A. Sawyer,	155 23
Methodist Society,	100 00
Betsey Kidder,	103 00
D. A. Thornton, 2,	172 64
M. E. Ryder, 3,	110 39

D. E. Ryder,	3,	801	84
L. D. Dunbar,	3,	1,134	81
G. Pillsbury,		84	08
Alice M. Smith,		68	16
Sarah Rollins,		51	50
A. Quimby,		1,120	89
J. B. Green,		8	00
O. F. Buswell,		69	68
Jennie Sanborn,		33	50

		\$10,657	26

Respectfully submitted by

L. D. DUNBAR, } Selectmen
K. D. SMITH, } of
W. H. MILLER } Grantham.

REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee.

The School Committee would give the following report for the year 1884-5.

DISTRICT NO. I.

CYRUS THOMPSON, Prudential Committee.

Summer term was taught by Miss Zilpha M. Cutting, of Newport. This was the third successive term for Miss Cutting in this school, and if anything, was rather the best of the three. The scholars made rapid advancement and the attendance was about the usual average. The roll of honor is long—the longest for any term in town this year.

ROLL OF HONOR: Ada Lewis, Susie Walker, Emma M. Goss, Carrie A. Hook, Blanche Morse, Zella M. Morse, Lucinda Hammond, Florence Dunbar, Helen Dunbar, Jennie Nelson, Etta Nelson, Villa Hall, Earl Hall, Elwin Walker, George Nelson, Daniel Chase, Hial Nelson, Grovenor Bowers, George Colby, Harry Colby, Arthur Jenks—22. Absent on account of sickness: Annie Hurd.

The above term began April 21st and closed June 27th, 1884.

The winter term began Oct. 6th and closed Dec. 23rd, 1884. This term was taught by Miss Sophia Pike, of Newport, who came to us very highly recommended as a teacher of long experience and success, having taught over forty terms of school. Your committee visited Miss Pike's school five times, and after mature deliberation is obliged to confess that her methods of instruction were superior. We are sorry to record the fact that some trouble arose during the term about the school, but continued visits and careful inquiry of the scholars who continued through the term failed to establish that the order in the school, certainly after the first few days, was any worse than the average for such a school. The trouble seems to have been caused by misunderstandings which arose from some misconduct on the part of some of the scholars the first of the term. Some of the flying rumors about this school were not substantial enough to be worthy of belief. The average attendance was 29, which was large considering the circumstances. The closing examination was excellent, as all present must testify.

ROLL OF HONOR: Ada Lewis, Lucinda Hammond, Alice Hammond, Grovenor Bowers, Daniel Chase, William Thornton. The first five of these were not absent or tardy during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

LUCIAN CHASE, Prudential Committee.

The summer and fall terms of this school were taught as usual by Mrs. Susan G. Stocker, who has kept a number of successive terms here. This teacher is too well known in town to need any special commendation. Extra attention was given both terms to singing. It is to be desired that more work of this kind should be done in our schools. The scholars in this district sing well, and we hope they will long have the privilege of receiving the instruction of such a teacher.

ROLL OF HONOR: Summer term—Mamie V. Currier, Etta B. Chase, Ethel M. Chase, Albert A. Stocker, Jerome J. Gault, Irwin Spiller. Fall term—Lena F. Buswell, Laura A. Nichols, Mamie V. Currier, Etta B. Chase, Ethel M. Chase, Albert A. Stocker, Wesley D. Currier, Udo I. Currier, Curtis J. Nichols. The first four are on both rolls.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

AARON L. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Sarah E.

Clough, with fine success. In the winter term large classes in History, Physiology and Language Lessons were formed, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested in these studies. Special instruction was given the whole school in Hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

ROLL OF HONOR: Summer term—Ina Austin, Bertha Saunders, Guy Buswell, Frank L. Hardy, Burleigh Hastings, Van Hastings, Silas Newell. Absent on account of sickness, Josie Newell, Lena Buswell, Florence Hastings. Winter term—Lena Buswell, Edna Hastings, Florence Hastings, Amanda Little, Mary Miller, Velzora Merrill, Josie Newell, Bertha Saunders, Imla Brown, Guy Buswell, Ora Hastings, Arthur Hastings, Frank L. Hardy, Carl Howe, Loren Miller, Silas Newell. Absent one day only, but not tardy, Blanche G. Hardy, Carrie Newell, Archie Brown, Burleigh Hastings, Reuben Pinney. Bertha Saunders, Guy H. Buswell, Frank L. Hardy and Silas Newell were neither absent nor tardy during the year.

The winter term of this school was, in the judgment of your Committee, the best in town, and the closing examination was excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

JOHN E. CORLISS, Prudential Committee.

Only one term of ten weeks was held in this district. It began Aug. 11th and closed Oct. 29th, 1884, and was taught by Miss Mary E. Currier, who was the teacher the previous year. The scholars made remarkable progress. A gloom was cast over this school towards the end of the term by the accidental death of Georgie Hatch, aged 6, one of the scholars, who was killed one day at recess by the fall of a cart body upon him. The closing examination was very good. There was only one in this school on the roll of honor—Ina M. Corliss. This school, although small in numbers, did good work, and the teacher deserves praise for her efforts.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

HORACE GREEN, Prudential Committee.

One term only in this school, taught by Miss Sarah H. Rollins. This term began Oct. 6th, and closed Nov. 21st, 1884. This was Miss R's first term of teaching, and she evidently tried hard to help those under her care. Had all her scholars assisted the teacher, her

success would have been better. As it was, most of the pupils made advancement.

Absent only one day, Ralph Howard.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

C. C. THORNTON, Prudential Committee.

No school in this district. The scholars attended out of district. In Nov. the town voted to unite Nos. 5 and 6, but this union has not yet been consummated.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

OSCAR EASTMAN, Prudential Committee.

The summer term was taught by Miss Stella M. Baker, of Goshen, and the winter term by Miss Nellie Barton, of Newport. The teacher of the winter term refused to fill-out the register for Grantham, and our scholars were all the year denied the privilege of pursuing any of the higher studies. We would suggest that measures be taken to find out where this district belongs, and to insure for our scholars a fair chance to progress in their studies. Either this district should be considered as partly in our care, or that part of it belonging to us should be joined with some other district in town. A settlement of this case is of importance for our benefit in time to come.

REMARKS AND ADVICE.

In accordance with the new law passed by our legislature at its last session, in June, 1883, introducing the study of Hygiene and Temperance into our public schools, copies of a little book by Miss Julia Colman on Alcohol and Hygiene have been distributed and used in all our schools during the past year, and with good success. Some copies of a larger work on the same subject by Mills have been studied by the older scholars.

Your Superintendent has power only as the law gives it to him. He cannot dismiss a teacher where there is a division in the district

without a petition signed by a majority of the legal voters in the district for a hearing, said hearing to be held after due notice to all parties concerned. In case any trouble, real or fancied, arises, it is better to remove the cause of the trouble rather than take our children from the schools. Let parents and citizens all assist the teachers and Superintendent in advancing the interests of our schools.

It seems more and more evident that our smaller schools should be united with the larger, that the terms may be lengthened and our school money be used to better advantage. We certainly ought to have no less than two nor more than four schools in town, where we now have seven districts, in whole or in part. Let this matter receive immediate attention.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HARDY,

Superintending School Committee.

Grantham, Mar. 2, 1885.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES
OF TEACHERS.

No. of District	No. of Terms.		Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. of visits by others.	Length of School in weeks of 5 days.	Wages of teachers per month, including board
1	1	Zilpha M. Cutting.	33	30	3	0	36	10	\$24 50
	2	Sophia R. Pike.	38	29	5	3	33	11	27 00
2	1	Susan G. Stocker.	14	13.6	2	1	5	6	14 00
	2	" " "	13	12.3	2	0	7	5	16 00
3	1	Sarah E. Cleugh.	24	21	3	0	16	8	18 00
	2	" " "	30	26	3	1	25	10	28 00
4	1	Mary E. Currier.	7	6.4	2	0	5	10	14 00
5	1	Sarah H. Rollins.	7	5.8	2	0	15	7	15 00
10	1	Stella M. Baker.	12	10	2	0	14	8	18 00
	2	Nellie F. Barton.			3			14	

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